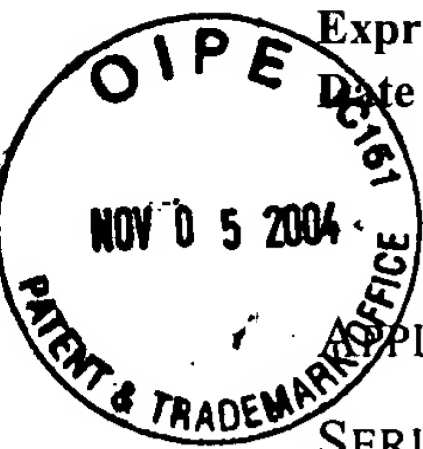


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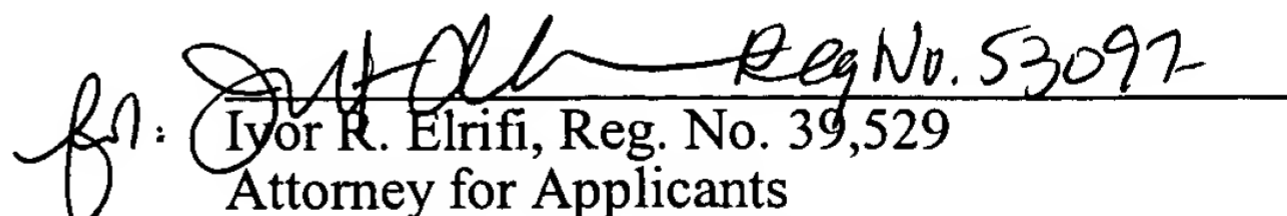
COMMUNICATION

In response to the Office Action dated May 5, 2004, Applicants have on this date filed a continuation application. Applicants file herewith a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time, along with a check in the amount of \$490.00 to cover the required fee. A duplicate copy of the Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed herewith. With the extension, a response to the outstanding Office Action is due on or before November 5, 2004.

Although Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in connection with this submission, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 23135-604).

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (617) 542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

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